

PUBLIC NOTICE

**The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
Draft Environmental Assessment
FEMA-1733-DR-OR
Columbia County Road Department
Columbia County, Oregon**

Eddings Road Relocation Project

Notice is hereby given that FEMA plans to assist the Columbia County Road Department by providing partial funding to for funding to relocate Eddings Road in Woodson, Oregon. The project would provide a new connection to Highway 30 and abandon a section of Eddings Road that was damaged during severe storms, flooding, landslides, and mudslides that occurred from December 1-17, 2007. The event was declared a Presidential disaster on December 8, 2007 (FEMA-1733-DR-OR). Federal financial assistance would be provided pursuant to the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Public Law 93-288, as amended (The Stafford Act).

FEMA has prepared a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed project pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and FEMA's implementing regulations. The draft EA will be finalized after agency and public review and input. The EA evaluates alternatives for compliance with applicable environmental laws, including: Executive Orders No. 11988 (Floodplain Management), No. 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), and No. 12898 (Environmental Justice). Alternative 1 is the No Action Alternative, which would entail no repairs or improvements to Eddings Road. Alternative 2 would repair Eddings Road and its culvert crossing at Eilertsen Creek. Alternative 3 would abandon the section of Eddings Road that was damaged by the disaster event and relocate it utilizing an abandoned county road to avoid crossing Eilertsen Creek. Alternative 3 is the Proposed Action Alternative.

This notice will constitute as the final notice as required by Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management, and Executive Order 11990, Protection of Wetlands. If no significant issues are identified during the comment period, FEMA will finalize the EA, issue a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), and fund the project.

The draft EA is available for viewing for a 30-day public review and comment period at the Clatskanie City Hall, Clatskanie Library District, and Columbia County Court House in St. Helens, and at www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/index.shtm. Please submit your written comments to Mark Eberlein, FEMA Region X Environmental Officer. Comments can be submitted by:

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After the public comment period ends, the final EA and the FONSI will be available for viewing at: http://www.fema.gov/plan/ehp/envdocuments/archives_index.shtm.